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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

\$104,900.00 in U.S. CURRENCY,
\$1,890.00 in U.S. CURRENCY,
Defendant,

Case No. 08CV1017-H (LSP)

**VERIFIED CLAIM OF RIGHT TO
DEFEND**

Comes now Richard Garmo and states as follows:

1. In the above matter I am the owner of \$60,000.00 of the above total amount of the U.S. Currency.

2. All notices of this action should go to Nicholas De Pento, Attorney at 550 West C Street, Suite 1160, San Diego, CA 92101.

He is authorized to represent my interests.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed this 23 day of June 2008 at San Diego, California,


RICHARD GARMO

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**ANSWER TO COMPLAINT FOR
FORFEITURE**

Comes now defendant / claimant Steven Warda Gorla and Answers the Complaint in
Forfeiture as follows:

1. Admit
2. Admit
3. A,B,C,D,E,F,G on such basis denies
4. Deny
5. Deny
6. Deny

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1 7. Deny

2 8. Admit

3 Wherefore, defendant / claimant prays for the return of the currency claimed as part of
4 this Complaint and for such other and further relief as this and proper, together with the costs
5 and disbursements of this action.
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8 Respectfully submitted,
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10 Dated: June 23, 2008

/s/ Nicholas De Pento
NICHOLAS DE PENTO

Verification

I, Richard Garmo, hereby declare as follows:

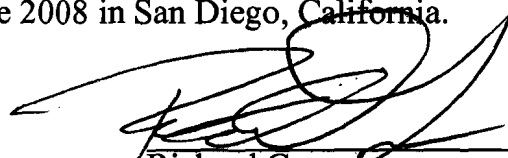
1. I am the claimant for the defendant currency.

2. I have read the foregoing Answer to Complaint for Forfeiture and know its contents. It is based upon my own personal knowledge and information provided to me.

3. Everything contained in the Answer is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 23 day of June 2008 in San Diego, California.



Richard Garmo

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Counsel for Defendant certifies that the foregoing pleading is true and accurate to the best of his information and belief, and that a copy of the foregoing document has been served this day upon:

MAILING INFORMATION FOR A CASE08CV1017-H(LSP)

1. Electronic Mail Notice List

The following are those who are currently on the list to receive email notices for this case.

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Date: June 25, 2008

/s/ Nicholas De Pento
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